

For Ada

opposites
completely,
it could only be
you
and i
would find, as
pole
to pole,
attraction

or,
(more nearly)

like the point
of my
pen,
pushed
helpless
to meet
its mate, reflected
in the table's shining
sugarbowl

-- Joe Nickell

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The introduction over, him
walking slowly from his friends
to read his poems aloud

-- why should I clap? Applause
is Spain, for chairs
his friends have never seen.

For P.B.

-- Simon Perchik

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